

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-9 are pending herein. By this Amendment, claims 12-13 are added. Support for new claim 12 can be found in the specification at, for example, page 4, second paragraph; support for new claim 13 can be found in the specification at, for example, page 4, third paragraph. No new matter is added.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, and the remarks of the July 21, 2003, Amendment After Final Rejection, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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